
End-of-Course Examinations Rule 0520-01-03-.06

The Background:

On April 24, 2015, Governor Haslam signed into law Public Chapter 256, which provides districts with discretion on incorporating TCAP scores into students' final grades if the LEA does not receive TCAP scores at least five instructional days before the end of the school year.

This rule change aligns with the State Board of Education's rule on end-of-course examinations with Public Chapter 256, adds several new courses to the list of end-of-course examinations, and makes a few additional technical changes.

Below is a summary of the revisions to the rule:

- Adds Integrated Math I, Integrated Math II, and Integrated Math III to the list of end-of-course examinations.
- Moves language included in the first paragraph to the second paragraph to provide more clarity.
- Adds "If an LEA does not receive its students' end-of-course examination scores at least five (5) instructional days before the scheduled end of the course, then the LEA may choose not to include its students' end-of-course examination scores in the students' course average" to align with Public Chapter 256.

The Fiscal Analysis Impact:

Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-212 requires that the Department prepare a fiscal analysis of any policy, rule or regulation proposed to the State Board of Education. This item has no financial impact on an LEA.

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends adoption of this item on final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.